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SUBJECT: FUNDING OF PROJECT OMEGA IN AUSTRALIA

REF: A. CANBERRA 5155

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1. SEPTTEL FOLLOWS WITH DOD-CLEARED RESPONSE TO REFTEL (A).
FOLLOWING EXPLANATORY INFO IS FOR YOUR BACKGROUND ONLY.

2. SPECIFIC LINE ITEM FUNDING AUTHORIZATION FOR OMEGA
AUSTRALIA DID EXPIRE JUNE 30, 1973. HOWEVER, NAVY OMEGA
PROJECT OFFICE WAS ABLE TO REPROGRAM FY 74 FUNDS THEN
SPECIFICALLY ALLOCATED TO OTHER PROJECTS. THIS FACT
UNKNOWN TO DEPARTMENT AND THEREFORE YOU WERE NOT INFORMED.
IN FACT, AT SAME TIME AS RECEIPT REFTEL (A), AUSTRALIAN
EMBASSY WASHINGTON WAS INCORRECTLY GIVEN TO BELIEVE,
INFORMALLY, THAT FY 74 FUNDS WERE NOT AVAILABLE.

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3. ALSO, DOD BUDGETEERS INCLUDED (AND WE EXCISED) PART OF

SENTENCE IN SEPTEL WHICH DECLARED THAT EXPIRATION OF PRESENT FUNDING AUTHORIZATION AFTER JUNE 30, 1974, WOULD NECESSITATE NEW CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORIZATION PROCESS ENTAILING CONSIDERABLE DELAY. IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT NAVY WANTS SYSTEM COMPLETED AND COULD AGAIN FIND NECESSARY FUNDS.

4. WE CONTINUE STRONGLY TO FAVOR AUSTRALIAN PARTICIPATION WORLD-WIDE OMEGA NAVIGATIONAL SYSTEM SOONEST. KISSINGER

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